

## Message Text

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TO AMCONSUL HONG KONG PRIORITY  
AMEMBASSY TOKYO  
USMISSION GENEVA

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TOKYO FOR MINISTER MICHAEL SMITH GENEVA FOR PHELAN

E.O. 11652: GDSR

TAGS: ETRD, HK, JA

SUBJECT: TEXTILES: HONG KONG TSB ACTION

REF: (A) HONG KONG 10367 (B) SEOUL 7253 (C) ST. JOHN/  
SMITH TELCON, 8/30/77

ST. JOHN (CHIEF, TEXTILE DIVISION) ASKED ALEC HERMAN  
(HKG REPRESENTATIVE ATTACHED TO BRITISH EMBASSY) IN AUG.  
30 TO CONVEY USG SURPRISE AND DISPLEASURE AT ABRUPT HONG  
KONG STATEMENT OF INTENTION REPORTED REFTEL (A) TO PRESENT  
COMPLAINT AGAINST U.S. BEFORE TSB. HERMAN HAD NOT BEEN  
INFORMED OF HKG INTENTION, BUT PRESUMED SUBSTANCE OF  
MATTER REVOLVED AROUND HKG CONTENTION THAT EXPORTS FROM  
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HONG KONG WERE NOT THE CAUSE OF ANY DISRUPTION WHICH MAY  
HAVE EXISTED. AS FAR AS HE KNEW, HKG WAS EXERCISING ITS  
RIGHT TO TAKE MATTER TO TSB WHEN, AFTER CONSULTATION HAD  
NOT RESULTED IN AGREEMENT, USG HAD SET LIMITS WHICH HKG  
CONSIDERED UNJUSTIFIED. HE AGREED, HOWEVER, THAT MATTER  
MIGHT BEST HAVE BEEN HANDLED DIFFERENTLY, AND POINTED OUT  
THAT ACTION IS NOT IRREVOCABLE STEP. HE WILL REPORT OUR

REACTION TO HKG. CHRISTOPHER

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